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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Deputies Meeting on [REDACTED]

1. Colonel White convened the Deputies for the purpose of discussing a series of sequential steps to staffing and organizational focus being planned for the [REDACTED] project in order to assure that all parties were aboard with the progress and in agreement with the plans and involvements to date.

2. Carl Duckett briefed on the project concept generally. He outlined specific steps that were underway to arrive at a point in conceptual design where contractors could be selected for design feasibility (four). This decision would be made in January 1971. He explained that subsequently, on receipt of the inputs of those contractors, further decisions would be made to narrow the contractors down to two. After a review of the product of the two, a final decision as to the project go-ahead will be made and one contractor would be selected for the project. DD/S&T emphasized that at each point of decision in the contracting process, it would be important to assure that all parties having substantive judgments or inputs with respect to the system have an opportunity to advise him and the project manager.

3. DD/S&T then addressed the question of project staffing. He advised that in calendar year 1971 he would expect to have about [REDACTED] people on the project. He advised that in order to assure very close coordination with all interested parties, he was seeking to have assigned to the project and under the direction of the project officer three full-time NPIC people, three support people, two additional Office of Computer Services people, two Navy personnel, one Air Force person and two or three DIA people. He explained that to the degree that these people had the technical competence to perform the necessary work for the project he expected they could be slotted within the total [REDACTED] planned for 1971. In this respect, he was not clear on whether he would be able to get that kind of talent from the services but he hoped so, and explained that conceivably the services would carry the slots themselves. He made

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25X1 a very strong point, to which all agreed, that the personnel assigned to the project would be under the direct authority of the project officer and responsible to him alone. However, he hoped these representatives would also take on the task of keeping their parent components advised on progress or problems, and that inputs to the project from their components would be helpful and in order. As an aside he volunteered that [] is serving as project officer and will probably continue in that capacity.

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25X1 5. The group generally discussed the relationships of the development, receiving center, operations center and ultimate NPIC processing. This took the form of concentration on building requirements and on the timing involved on building requirements. DD/S&T advised that [] would have to be selected and access thereto by January 1972. The assumption is that the Agency and the project will select that site and that the NRO will fund it. The target date for the operational satellite is []. DD/S&T explained, however, that the facilities for training, dry run, etc., should be available a year in advance of the operational satellite if possible. Thus, in this context, the construction of [] operations center and a co-located NPIC (if determined) should be ready for equipment installation by []. The attached papers from the DD/S&T and the DD/I on the subject of NPIC and the subject of [] were provided to all Deputies and identify the foregoing points and the general costs.

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25X1 6. After some discussion, Colonel White instructed that all parties participating consider the issues discussed and satisfy themselves that the coordination and input from their particular point of view is complete with DD/S&T. He instructed Mr. Bannerman to take

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the leadership in working with DD/I and DD/S&T in developing a briefing on the operating site and co-location of NPIC. Included in this briefing would be a justification for the relocation of NPIC and suggested sites. Colonel White advised he would like to give the Director a quick briefing to assure our assumptions with respect to the project are clear and consistent with the Director's views and to seek authority from the Director to do the necessary planning for the NPIC construction.



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